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Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

- 1. (previously presented) A primer comprising:
 - (a) a maleated thermoplastic elastomer comprising elastomer portions having a glass transition temperature;
 - (b) a non-halogenated polyolefin; and
 - (c) a resin that raises the glass transition temperature of the elastomer portions of the maleated thermoplastic elastomer.
- 2. (previously presented) The primer of claim 1 further comprising a crosslinking agent.
- 3. (original) The primer of claim 2 wherein the crosslinking agent is 2,4-bis(trichloromethyl)-6-4'-methoxyphenyl-sym-triazine.
- 4. (previously presented) The primer of claim 1 further comprising an epoxy.
- 5. (original) The primer of claim 1 wherein the maleated thermoplastic elastomer is a maleated rubber.
- (original) The primer of claim 5 wherein the rubber is a block copolymer.
- 7. (original) The primer of claim 6 wherein the block copolymer is a styrene-block-ethylene-co-butene-block-styrene block copolymer.
- 8. (previously presented) The primer of claim 1 wherein the non-halogenated polyolefin comprises a material selected from polyhexene, polyoctene, or mixtures thereof.
- 9. (original) The primer of claim 1 wherein the resin is a hydrogenated hydrocarbon resin.

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- 10. (previously presented) The primer of claim 1 further comprising fumed amorphous silica.
- 11. (previously presented) The primer of claim 1 further comprising trimethylolpropane triacrylate.
- 12. (previously presented) A tape comprising:
 - (a) a substrate;
 - (b) a primer coated on at least one surface of the substrate, the primer comprising:

a maleated rubber comprising elastomer portions having a glass transition temperature,

a non-halogenated polyolefin, and

a resin that raises the glass transition temperature of the elastomer portions of the maleated rubber; and

- (c) a pressure sensitive adhesive coated on the primer.
- 13. (original) The tape of claim 12 wherein the primer comprises a crosslinking agent.
- 14. (original) The tape of claim 12 wherein the primer comprises an epoxy.
- 15. (previously presented) The tape of claim 12 wherein the polyolefin is selected from polyhexene, polyoctene, or mixtures thereof.
- 16. (original) The tape of claim 13 wherein the crosslinking agent is 2,4-bis(trichloromethyl)-6-4'-methoxyphenyl-sym-triazine.
- 17. (original) The tape of claim 12 wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive is a poly- α -olefin pressure sensitive adhesive.

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- 18. (original) The tape of claim 17 wherein the poly-α-olefin pressure sensitive adhesive is crosslinked.
- 19. (original) The tape of claim 12 wherein the substrate is a saturated paper.
- 20. (original) The tape of claim 12 wherein the substrate is a polymer film.
- 21. (previously presented) The tape of claim 12 wherein the substrate comprises a material selected from the group consisting of polyesters, polyolefins, papers, foils, polyacrylates, polyurethanes, perfluoropolymers, polycarbonates, ethylene vinyl acetates, vinyl, fabrics, foam, polymer coated papers, retroreflective sheeting and combinations thereof.
- 22. (original) The tape of claim 20 wherein the polymer film comprises polyethylene terephthalate.